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MEMORANDUM FOR: Training Liaison Officers (for distribution)

SUBJECT: Unusual Languages

1. The Language and External Training School (LETS) of the Office of Training is planning to provide training in some of the more unusual languages. Whenever a minimum of four persons is available, a class will be arranged. Classes will be conducted internally and externally. Most classes will be during official duty time. They will meet for three or more two-hour periods a week, depending on the language and the interests of the prospective students. All courses in this series will emphasize reading only. In general, it is planned to begin these classes about September. Languages included in this program are:

Azerbaijani	Swahili
Georgian	Tamil
Armenian	Telugu
Estonian	Urdu
Lettish	Burmese
Lithuanian	Indonesian
Turkic	Korean
Amharic	Khmer
Arabic	Laotian
Afrikaans	Tagalog
Bengali	Thai
Kanarese	Tibetan
Malagasy	Vietnamese
Malayalam	Albanian
Persian	Czech
Pushtu	Hungarian
Polish	Serbo-Croatian

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2. To assist in planning, LETS desires to know:

a. What offices and persons wish to take advantage of this training in unusual languages (where your interest was indicated in requirements for FY 1956, it is not necessary separately to indicate them in response to this memorandum).

b. Whether any employees of the Agency might be interested in teaching any of these groups.

3. It is suggested that the information required for planning by LETS be sent to Chief, LETS, before 1 July 1955.

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